

- 1:28....several reasons are suggested for the disobedience but underneath all is the negative report of the majority of the scribes.
- 1:29-31. Moses exhorts them to go..he cited the Lord's promise and His providence in the wilderness but
- 1:32-33. The people would not believe God in spite of his obvious power and blessing on the earlier journey.
- 1:34....The Lord was angry and gave His oath...
- 1:35....to the effect that none of those men would live to enter the land.
- 1:36....except Caleb (who totally followed the Lord) and Joshua mentioned in verse 38
- 1:37....Moses reflects on God's anger with him. "for your sakes" he says, but this is not blaming the people for Moses sin and I will try to explain that...
- 1:38....the Lord tells Moses to encourage Joshua..he will enter the land
- 1:39....and the little ones they worried about (supposedly) would be the ones to enjoy the blessings.
- 1:43-41 The begglious group is told to return but decides for more disobedience in making an attack on their own!
- 1:42....the Lord is not with them; in vs 43 they act presumptively
- 1:44....and are severely beaten
- 1:45-46. They cry before the Lord but it is too late for corrective action and they are remanded to Kadesh.

### III. Conclusion

The attempt to avoid the just sentence of God is as bad as a mistake as was the initial disobedience. The lesson needs to be remembered in every age. God is not playing games with His people. He gives the instruction and the potential consequences..His people need to read, listen and do. And it certainly applies to us in this age. Once again, thanks for being with us today and may the study of the Word of God be a daily encouragement to you.